



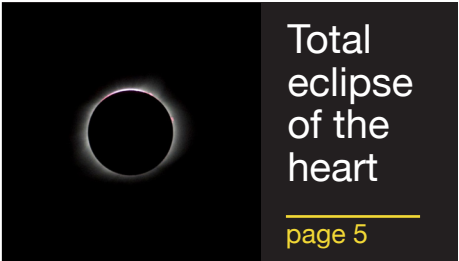
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## Hurricane Harvey blows in

Allison Wordes— Staff Writer

On Aug. 23, a storm watch went out for Port Mansfield, Texas. Texas governor Greg Abbott declared a state of emergency. Mandatory evacuations were issued in five counties, and the US has reported 70 confirmed deaths—possibly more.

In four days, some areas of Texas received forty inches of rain and three extreme wind warnings.

Hurricane Harvey, a category 4 storm, affected Texas and several other southern states in late August. Dordt students aren’t sure what their homes will look like when they return.

Several oil refineries closed, and resulted in a fuel shortage. Gas stations closed. Flights cancelled, airports closed.

Hurricane Harvey damaged 185,000 homes and destroyed 9,000, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

“Brick walls on the streets were totally down,” said sophomore Anneliese Dunstad, talking about her neighborhood of Tomball, Texas. Neither her nor her parents were at home during the hurricane. Instead, they drove up to Dordt during the 25th-29th of August. While she felt glad to be away from the deluge, she remembers the stress of not being at home. While gone, she had her dog boarded at a vet.

“They had a game plan,” said Dunstad about the kennel. Her dog was in safe hands.

Her grandfather, who is in assisted living, also experienced an evacuation. The facility where

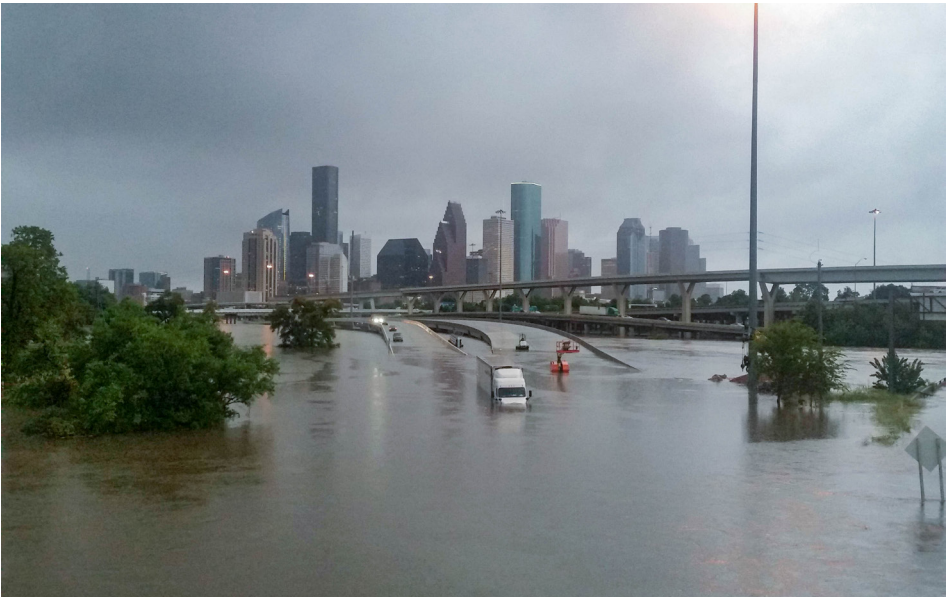


Photo by: Annaliese Donstad

he stayed was flooded by the end of the month, at least a foot underwater.

Many Texan businesses opened their doors to help. A mattress store Dunstad knew of offered people a place to stay. An optometrist offered free contact lenses to victims whose homes had been washed out.

“Dordt has done a lot for students,” said Dunstad. She received an encouraging email from Dordt administration, offering support and prayer groups.

She anticipates some changes upon returning

home for Christmas break. Roads will have been torn up, trees blown down, and houses refinished.

“The thing that does the most damage is the water,” said Dordt professor of Criminal Justice Donald Roth. He teaches a domestic preparedness class, with students researching different responses to these events.

Houston is a natural coastline, a harbor safe for trading and traffic. The high winds cause issues as well, but it’s not the same story as

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## Optimism over men’s soccer season

Sawyer Strelnieks— Staff Writer

School is in full swing and so are the fall sports.

For the Dordt men’s soccer team, it’s a lot more than playing for the wins, it’s about the relationships and roles on the team. VJ Hachaba, senior captain, says this is a unique season compared to his last three seasons at Dordt. It is a fairly young team this year, as a majority of the team is made up of sophomores and juniors. Currently the team is playing different

Photo by: Sawyer Strelnieks



combinations of players to see who plays well together. The men’s team has been tested early with their games against Benedictine, Waldorf and Johnson and Wales.

“We have some wrinkles we’re ironing out and we’re looking better and better with possession in each game,” senior captain Stephen Brinkerhoff said.

By playing these teams early it has helped the team establish roles and build a strong offense and defense. There is a lot of competition on the team this year which has led to a hungry team ready to win games. Having players out on the field who give their all to earn a spot on the team is the kind of determination that coaches look for. Having an entire team with that kind of competition can be unstoppable when everything comes together.

“I believe our team is more cohesive than in the past few years of playing at Dordt,” Brinkerhoff said. “We have developed better chemistry and everyone seems to be on the same page.”

In previous years, Dordt’s offense revolved around one player. This year, the team is reconfiguring the structure of the offense to try to be more creative and diverse. By playing different combinations of players, the men’s team is hoping to develop chemistry throughout and play together as one unit. This is the most crucial step of building a team that turns those close losses to easy wins.

Now seven games into the season, the men’s team has found the right combination of guys who will be playing and everyone on the team understands their role.



Photo by: Sawyer Strelnieks

The highlight of the season so far, according to Brinkerhoff, was when Dordt won in overtime versus Southwestern College in Colorado. The game was tied at 0 going into overtime when Colton Schreur played a ball into the middle near the goal which ricocheted into the goal only forty seconds into overtime.

The team is working on “fine tuning” during the early weeks of the season to prepare for important conference games coming up. Their first conference matchup is at home versus Hastings on Sep. 23 at 3:15 p.m. The goal for this year’s team is to be in the top half of the GPAC.

## Dordt speaks on DACA

Elizabeth Helmkamp & Danny Mooers— Staff Writers

The recent decision by the Trump Administration to rescind DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) has forced immigrants to make rash decisions involving their future. The program provides work permits to nearly 800,000 people across the United States. Emily Horvat, a senior Social Work major at Dordt College said, “I really don’t think this (the decision) is fair, [immigrants] don’t have a home, they need a home. This is home. And it’s not fair to deport them.”

According to the University of California at Berkeley’s Undocumented Student Program website, DACA is “A kind of administrative relief from deportation.” Its purpose is to protect immigrant youth who came to the United States as children from being deported. It also gives those youth a work permit that must be renewed every two years.

Harold Heie, Co-Director of CASA (Center for Assistance, Service and Advocacy) in Sioux Center said, “I don’t think there’s any kind of moral argument that can be made for deporting dreamers. There’s absolutely no moral argument whatsoever.”

Congress is currently analyzing the situation and are debating about making DACA into a permanent program. In the meantime, numerous DACA recipients have decided to sue the Trump Administration in an effort to stop the rescindment.

CASA has started the process of creating ‘sanctuary churches’ in fear of mass deportation. These churches will give shelter to illegal immigrants as they work through the legal process if mass deportations occur. “What we’re thinking about, especially with the sanctuary churches thing, is we’re hoping and praying for the best, but we’re preparing for the worst,” said Heie.

Donald Roth, professor of Criminal Justice and Business Ethics said, “I don’t see [mass deportations] happening on the one hand and, on the other hand, I would also be very surprised if we had the silver bullet show up that actually solved all our immigration issues.”

Roth also spoke on the opinion of the general public.

“I would think it to be a small, small minority but there are certainly people who are looking to just mass deport everybody they can,” said Roth. “For practical reasons and for political

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# Dining updates to Eatable

Emma Stoltzfus – Staff Writer

Technological advances on Dordt’s campus are finding their way into our daily routines. The new Eatable app is no exception. Eatable is a mobile wallet intended to streamline payments for meals in the various eating venues around Dordt’s campus.

Using Eatable allows users to check their meal count and Defender Dollar amount in real time. It also allows students to make payments, do meal exchanges and read the day’s menu from anywhere.

In January 2018 there will be a mobile ordering system that gives students the ability to order meals ahead of time and skip the lines—helpful when you have very little time between classes and need to squeeze in a meal.

At the moment, the Eatable app takes students about as long to check in as it does with their ID card. However, Marlene Tullar, a Dordt Dining employee since 2013, believes the app has the potential to be much faster with a little help from the students themselves.

Commons employee Marlene Tullar checks in freshman Tess Hemmilla.  
Photo by: Emma Stoltzfus



“It’s nice when they say what their name is when they come in, so then I can look for the name instead of trying to find the face,” said Tullar.

A way to speed up the Eatable payment system can be simply introducing yourself when you walk in. A smile and a ‘Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_’ will go a long way in both cheering up those around you and allowing everybody a chance to eat as quickly as possible.

Jake Jensen an employee at the Grille, says he wishes “more people would download (the Eatable app), because for us it would be faster.”

He mentioned that less students use the Eatable app in the Grille—about 20% to 30% of students—compared to what Tullar estimates to be 50% usage in the Commons.

Right now, check-in with the app and ID take about the same amount of time. However, with more use and practice the Eatable app could very well become the quickest and most versatile way by far to gain access to meals across campus.

# Mexico earthquake 8.3 on Richter scale

Zach Steensma – Staff Writer



Photo by: NBC News

Just before midnight on Sept. 7, an 8.3 magnitude earthquake struck the Pacific coast of Mexico and neighboring Guatemala, claiming almost 100 casualties. The earthquake was the most severe to hit the area in almost a century.

The damage from this most recent disaster has been widespread. Immediately following the quake, the Mexican military was dispatched, and rescue teams responded to the scene. Mexico, who recently pledged aid to US victims of Hurricane Harvey, rescinded their offer due to the earthquake and Hurricane Katia, which struck Mexico the following day.

“Given the situation, the Mexican government will channel all available logistical support to the families and communities that have been affected in Mexico,” the Mexican Foreign Ministry reported.

Thousands of citizens have lost their homes and require access to basic supplies, including food, water, and medication. Many were displaced from hospitals, some of which collapsed, while others lost power.

Besides the infrastructural damage to cities, earthquakes also have the potential to create aftershocks and tsunamis. The aftershocks from Thursday’s earthquake read as high as 5.0 on the Richter scale. Fortunately, there is no danger of tsunamis this time.

Historically, Mexico has always been vulnerable to earthquakes due to its location along the Pacific. The tectonic plates beneath the Earth’s crust are constantly submerging beneath one another and pressing together.

Urban areas, such as Mexico City, have seismic activity sensors and built-in emergency

systems with alarms in order to prepare citizens for natural disasters. The alarm systems were put in following a devastating earthquake that struck in 1985, remnants of which can still be found throughout the city.

The 1985 quake caused more damage and had a greater death count than this most recent one, despite measuring lower on the Richter scale with a magnitude of 8.0. This earthquake occurred closer to the mainland and buildings were less structurally sound. Construction codes and regulations have tightened since then in an effort to prevent similar damage from occurring in the future. It appears to have worked: the 1985 quake took thousands of lives, whereas the final fatality count for Thursday’s quake was just under 100.

As both the US and Mexico face a barrage of natural disasters, it’s important to remember that money donations are far more beneficial than physical supplies. International relief organizations, such as the Red Cross, are the easiest way for Dordt students to contribute to the relief effort.

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# Livin’ it up in cadaver lab

Josh Meribole – Staff Writer

In the new Science Building, there is a room about 20 feet long by 18 feet wide. And in that room lie two bodies – a man and a woman. They are cadavers, or “donors”; people who have given up their bodies to science after they’ve passed away. This semester, Dordt’s anatomy class gets to dissect bodies for the first time.

“In the past, students got pretty good training in human physiology [but] the anatomy was a little bit more difficult,” biology professor Tony Jelsma said. “To be able to dissect a human body, it makes it more real.”

BIO 327 is a one-credit class that requires student to spend 40 hours dissecting. Before taking the dissecting class, however, students are required to take BIO 325.

Kasey Vanden Bosch is a senior biology and Spanish major, who did all 40 hours in one week, spending approximately eight hours each day dissecting. After college, Vanden Bosch plans to go to medical school, and she said working with cadavers now is a nice introduction to graduate school.

After seeing a cadaver in high school and college, this is the first time she has gotten to work on one herself.

“It was definitely weird the first day we walked in, because they’re people, but once you actually get to dissecting it kind of becomes more of the science behind it,” Vanden Bosch said.

Senior biology major

Tairin Van Tol emphasized the significance of working with these bodies. She said it’s a privilege to be able to even have a cadaver lab, and she appreciates the sacrifice those people have made by giving their bodies to science.

“We don’t name, we don’t make rude comments or anything, just being respectful to their sacrifice,” Van Tol said.

Prior to Dordt getting a cadaver, students

went to the University of South Dakota medical school to see a cadaver, and to see what other students had done.

“There are moments that you have, that ‘Wow, this is a real person,’ like having a painted fingernail or holding a hand up, and you realize this was a real person,” Van Tol said.

It was not very easy to acquire the bodies. Professor Jelsma said he worked with USD, but they too were short on donors.

But this did not deter him. He went on to ask two other colleges, which led him to the University of Iowa, who gave him the donors he needed. Dordt has been given cadavers for a year, and in May, will return them to receive two new ones. To keep the bodies cool, the room is kept at a temperature of 65 degrees Fahrenheit, and it has a ventilation system to help with the smell. The room also has cameras to monitor and allow students to get a good view of what is being done.

“The opportunity to see God’s handiwork in the human body, it’s amazing,” Van Tol said. “Very few undergraduates have that opportunity. I think it gives us an edge for graduate school.”

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# ProTech kicks off strong

Evangeline Colarossi – Staff Writer

One of the newest educational additions to Dordt allows students to graduate in two years and head into the workforce.

The Professional and Technical programs, or Pro-Tech, are 2-year programs for students to obtain Associates of Science degrees in either farm operations and management or manufacturing technology.

According to Professor Oscar Rodriguez, the goals of these two programs are “(to equip) Kingdom citizens to be ambassadors in the areas traditionally not taught at Christian colleges, prepare graduates for both work and further education, and help shorten the divide between the ‘spiritual’ and the practical.”

There are 2 branches of the Pro-Tech program: Agriculture and Manufacturing. Two of the newest professors, Oscar Rodriguez and Tom Colarossi are in charge of the Manufacturing and Agriculture programs, respectively. The Agriculture program has 21 students while the Manufacturing program has 8.

Over the coming years, Dordt hopes to see growth in both the programs and the students involved in the programs. Since Pro-Tech is brand new, professors are battling with the challenge of forming a curriculum. Learning

how each of the students absorbs information also makes this a learning experience for both the students and the professors alike.

For the Pro-Tech program, there is an emphasis on hands-on learning. How can professors educate students in a classroom setting, but also give them the real-life experience that many lack prior to entering the workforce? Professor Colarossi tries to ensure students are able to learn about their field while creating connections with local businesses. He takes his classes on trips to many of the local farms, dairies, and places like Trans-Ova Genetics and Siouxpreme Egg Products.

“I want them to be able to think through and do something useful, not just hand them an assignment and tell them to do it,” said Professor Colarossi.

While the goal is to incorporate working skills and knowledge into these students at the end of their two years, students are more than welcome to pursue a 4-year degree as well.

After graduating, students “will be better prepared to enter a four-year program related to their area of study, because two-year programs are loaded with lots of hands-on and practical skills that can be useful for four-year graduates,” says Professor Rodriguez.



# Freshman Finds: Places2Go

Zachary Sanford – Staff Writer

Although the school year is just beginning, it is crucial to become familiar with Dordt College, Sioux Center, and the surrounding areas. For returning students, please help out the underclassmen around you. For the freshmen reading this, start exploring the campus and surrounding areas, if you have not already.

With the help of some experienced upperclassman, I was able to find some interesting places to visit. If you’re looking for a nice place to chat over a cup of coffee, somewhere to graze when you run out of meals, or you just want a new place to go, we’ve got you covered. Let’s get started:

The first thing everybody needs in the morning is coffee. If you find yourself wanting a coffee before your 8 a.m. classes, there are a few places you should check out. Rumor has it that one of these places has a special treat for Dordt Students only. The Doughnut Run is a Dordt classic, beloved for its delicious midnight snacks; often followed by sitting around at the park with friends.

For food or coffee...

The Fruited Plain Café, 172 N Main Ave, Sioux Center - 10 mins(walk) West

Town Square Coffeehouse, 125 Central Ave NE, Orange City - 17 mins(drive) Southeast

Sfumato Pizza, 4995 Carnes Dr, Alton, IA - 25 mins(drive) South

For those individuals who love exploring and getting away from Sioux Center’s big city bustle, here are places you need to visit. All of these places are open to the public, although you might have to pay for parking in certain seasons. Getting out of town allows you opportunities to

spend time with friends and create memories that are worthy of campfire stories.

For sites and scenes...

Oak Grove Park, 4051 Cherry Ave, IA - 21 mins(drive) West

Palisades State Park, 25495 485th Ave, Garretson, South Dakota - 1hr 8mins(drive) North

Calling all longboarders, skateboarders, pennyboarders, scooter-ers, and bike riders! Now is the perfect time of year to check out hot spots across campus and across town. Sioux Center is a great place to pick up longboarding and other methods of transportation. There are lots of hills and straight-aways to practice your techniques. The city parks around town are ideal for short rides that don’t require a lot of work or experience. Going on long distance activities is a great way to get a workout, too.

Central Park - 3 blocks west on 5th St NE (5-7 mins)

Open Space Park & Athletic Fields (All Season Sport) - 880 7th St NE (5-7 mins)

Children’s Park - 10 blocks South on 9th St SE or Nature trail (south campus) (10-15 mins)

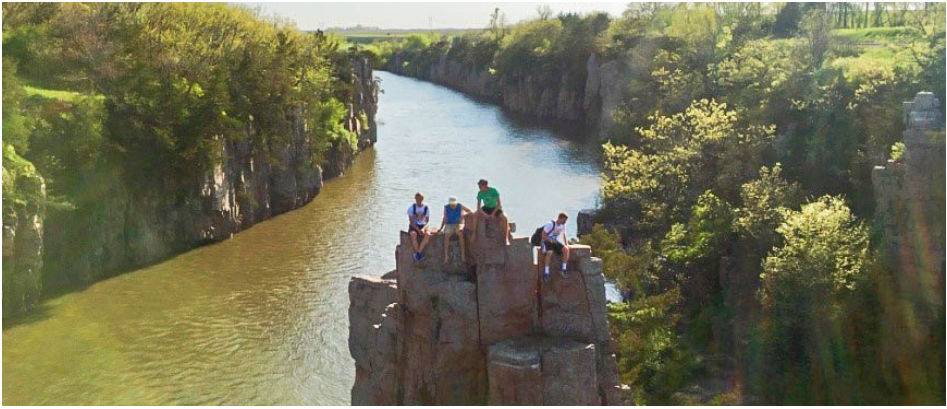
Westside Park - 12 blocks West on 7th St NW across Main Street (20-25 min)

Towers Field - 6 blocks West, 8 blocks South. Located 9th St SW & 2nd Ave SW (30-45 mins)

Regency Park - 22 blocks South on U.S. Route 75 (Main Street) on Route 75 & 410th St. (25-40 mins one way)

Students get tired of constantly being in dorm rooms. We encourage you to get out with friends, and get away from your homework. Spend some time outside enjoying the Creation that God has created us to be a part of.

John Davelaar, Mark Schussler, Jamie Veldhuisen, and Reggie Hostettler climb to the top for a better vantage point of the Slip Rock Creek at Palisades State Park in Garretson, SD. Photo by: Kyle Gaines



# Nursing program revamped

Tess Hemmila – Staff Writer

Starting in the fall of 2018, the entire nursing program at Dordt will be completely redone. In previous years, the program has been based almost solely at Saint Luke’s Regional Medical Center. Current students take the courses and clinicals—making up a majority of their education—at Saint Luke’s. When the new program is instituted, Dordt will be working with local hospitals and medical centers in a variety of cities, including Sioux Center and Sioux Falls. Along with the change in hospitals, the program will now conduct all necessary nursing courses on campus; students will no longer need to drive 53 minutes to Sioux City for nursing classes.

With the increase in classes on campus comes the need for many adjustments to the program as a whole. The curriculum that will be taught in upcoming semesters will be adopt a more modern way of teaching: concept-based curriculum.

The idea behind concept-based curriculum is that it starts by teaching the intricacies of the anatomy in question, how to assess the condition of a patient, and finally leads up to a tentative diagnosis of the patient. Other curriculum takes a more rigid path, teaching first by diagnosis and then on how a certain disease or ailment affects the patient.

Another factor of the revamp is the hiring of new professors to staff the extra classes that will

now be held on campus. The nursing program is currently housed in a small building by any standards, but with the projected increase in both staff and overall program size, a new nursing building is rumored to be in the works.

While the transition between programs may have some difficulties, both staff and students are looking forward to the change.

“The department wanted to make the change to teach here,” said Deb Bomgaars, Director of the Nursing program. “A part of that was because the Reformed perspective that we have here at Dordt is not present at Saint Luke’s. Our students spend a huge amount of time at Saint Luke’s and they just want to be able to go to chapel and enjoy campus life.”

Before the curriculum was even in the works, the faculty were discussing the possibilities of improving upon the already successful program. According to Bomgaars, “There was the question, ‘could we or should we?’ when discussing the program... Eventually we came to the conclusion that yes, we should.”

As this program will not be instituted until next year, the choice between the old and the new approach has been put to the freshman; each current freshman has the choice to either take the St. Luke’s route or Dordt’s new approach. Allison Kooiman, a freshman nursing student, described the decision as “choosing between the chicken or the egg. The results will be similar, it’s just about how you get there.”

# New restaurant to open in Sioux Center

Jenna Stephens – Staff Writer

Sioux Center is preparing to welcome another restaurant to town, and with it, their best-selling burger: the Twisted Brother.

Four Brothers Bar & Grill is expected to open on March 1, 2018, on a lot adjacent to the Holiday Inn Express on the south side of town. This establishment will be the third one of its kind, joining locations in Le Mars and Sioux City, where it’s popular with locals and tourists alike.

Clint Kass, co-owner and soon-to-be general manager of the Sioux Center location, hopes to provide Dordt students, as well as the community, with a cool, hang-out atmosphere for all occasions.

The menu will include salads, steak, gourmet burgers, and pasta, served in a restaurant over-looking the golf course. It will include a bar area with big screen T.V.s, along with an outdoor patio.

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Some are excited about this addition – one more place to take the prospective girlfriend on a date, to dine with the parents when they come to visit, or just to hang out with the guys.

The reception to the news has been mostly positive so far.

“When we want to go out to eat, it kind of sucks because we always have to go to another town to find variety,” said Rickey Nelson, a

senior from Lancaster, Texas.

The limited number of restaurants in Sioux Center, compared to the variety near his home in a Dallas suburb, disappointed him when he arrived at Dordt.

But, he adds, “I do think there’s enough here for a college student to get by.”

Other students say that they will still look to other towns for their favorites.

“There is an excess of burger places,” said Vaughn Donahue, assistant adjunct in the art department, when describing the Sioux Center restaurant scene. He prefers a place like Sfumato Pizza near Alton.

Kass is prepared for the challenges of opening a business in a modest-sized city.

One of the biggest concerns is finding enough help – he will need to fill about 40 full-time and part-time positions.

“There’s always headwinds no matter what you do,” he said.

Kass added one more concern: “Just doing it right – in a small community, you just want to make a good first impression.”

With his half-pound beef patty, American and Swiss cheese, pecan-smoked bacon and Worcestershire aioli, the Twisted Brother will have to do just that – make a good first impression – in order to prove himself and to be officially accepted into the Sioux Center family.

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# Noyce Scholars Program awards four \$15,000 Dordt scholarships

Tess Hemmila – Staff Writer

This year Dordt received a \$1.2 million grant through the National Science Foundation for The Noyce Scholars Program. As a program devoted to helping meet the financial needs of future Science, Technology, Engineering and Math teachers, the Noyce Scholars Program offers scholarships of \$15,000 a year to juniors and seniors majoring in science or math and education at Dordt. To accept this scholarship, students must devote two years for every year of the scholarship to teaching STEM at a high-need school after graduation.

As of this year, there were four scholarships awarded. In future years, the number of scholarships will increase until there are a total of sixteen scholarships awarded yearly. The professors leading this scholarship are excited to be a part of this amazing opportunity.

According to Valorie Zonnefeld, Associate Professor of Mathematics, “There’s a huge shortage of STEM educators; [the Noyce Scholarship] is a way to help fill that need.”

Nathan Tintle, Professor of Statistics, also came to this conclusion, saying, “This scholarship is going to get more students to consider if God is calling them to teach...

It helps make the financial situation more feasible.”

The students receiving these scholarships are also grateful for the opportunity this scholarship provides. Making the decision to teach STEM fields is not easy because STEM fields are highly profitable, which is not necessarily the case with teaching.

One of the four recipients, Abbie White, said, “I’m really looking forward to teaching; I’ve wanted to be a math teacher since high school. I was always good at math and I wanted to help people in a specific, hands-on way... By teaching STEM you take on a bit of a burden, you could make a lot of money but you choose not to. This scholarship helps a lot with that.”

Another aspect of the Noyce Scholarship is the Mini STEM Education Internship; which is open to students who don’t happen to be majoring in both STEM and education. In this program, students can earn a \$100 stipend for spending 7 hours in an approved classroom and writing a one-page paper about their experience.

For more information on these unique opportunities, talk to Valorie Zonnefeld.

This year’s recipients (from right): Amy Spoelstra, Abbie White, Paige Beyer, and Karissa Koster

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## Jenna, just married: “M” is for “movie”

Jenna Stephens – Staff Writer



Now that we are Mr. and Mrs. Stephens, the term “movie” is no longer code for “make-out session.” Crazy, I know.

Do you remember the ending of Tangled? I don’t.

After picking up a few items at Walmart the other day, my husband Conner and I stopped short of the second set of sliding doors and made our way to the Redbox kiosk. Scrolling through page after page of titles resulted in the insertion of a credit card and the ejection of Patriot’s Day, a 2016 film about the Boston Bombing, starring Mark Wahlberg. We made a solid choice. There’s no way anyone would get so distracted by love and attraction that they’d kiss during such a serious movie.

Later that day, Conner sent out a message inviting some friends to watch it with us. Adam Heynen accepted the invitation and arrived promptly at 7:30. We had to start the movie early – when you’re married, bedtime is at 10:00 sharp. Adam sprawled out on the vintage floral couch, and Conner and I snuggled up with a blanket on our other, much more comfortable one. Conner hit “play.” We were in for two hours of bombs, gunfire and the eventual revival of a city rocked by terrorism.

The time spent watching this movie was different than in the past. Conner might have put his hand on my leg, but I don’t think the three points of contact – shoulder, hip, knee – were ever made. Halfway into the movie, Adam looked a little restless and tried to readjust his pillow; like seven times. We knew he had chosen the crappy couch, so as good hosts, we invited him to join us on ours.

So there we were, three friends sitting on the couch, all sharing a blanket and eating sour gummy worms. It looked like the most innocent situation ever.

And this was refreshing. No shoe in the door. No roommates walking in. No distractions. No touching. Well, a tiny bit of touching, but squishing three adults on one couch makes it kind of inevitable.

First of all, you obviously don’t kiss when you have guests over. But it also seems like we have gained this added level of self-control now that we’re married. Are we still in love? You bet. However, we find so many other ways to relate to each other and enjoy each other’s presence without having to be physical. When we were dating, I thought kissing proved that our relationship was healthy. If we didn’t kiss, I went to bed that night playing scenarios through my head about what might be wrong and what I had done to cause it. Looking back, I know that was a confusing and ridiculous way to gauge the health of a relationship.

Conner and I are seven weeks into marriage, and we have experienced some changes in how we relate to each other.

Now we share meals at our dining room table, brush our teeth in front of the same mirror and wake up next to each other. We pay bills and do laundry. We talk through challenges and struggles. We laugh. We pray. The health of our relationship is revealed through seemingly unimportant, everyday interactions. I am convinced that these new gauges of relationship health are more accurate and significantly more effective in growing our relationship. And that’s exciting.

Do you remember the ending of Patriots Day? I DO, and believe me, it’s actually worth watching.

## Dordt diversity: In defense of Muslims

Ellen Ingrid Dengah – Staff Writer

I remember my brother’s 9th birthday better than any of his other birthdays. It’s not because of how especially annoying he was on that day, but because it fell on Dec. 26, the day of the 2002 Bali Bombing. My family was travelling while TVs were airing news about the devastating Muslim extremist suicide bomb attack that killed over 200 people.

I am not going to claim that I understand how Americans feel about Muslim extremists, so I’m only going to speak of what I know.

If my Christian identity is ever associated with terror, I would want my friends to speak out for me, to bear witness of who I truly am. Matthew 7:12 states, “So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.” Yes, I am defending a group of people whose extremist member just bombed a London Subway last Friday Sept 15th. Because to do otherwise--despite my expectancy of what others should do to me—would be hypocrisy.

Still, by no means am I justifying what the bomber did last Friday as I write this. What he did was awful. Terror holds us captive in our own homes, and my heart goes out to London where people are trying their best not to live in fear. My heart also goes to Syria and Burma, not as an immediate repercussion of what happened in London, but in retrospect of the Muslim terrorist image that allows the powers of the world to turn a blind eye to ethnic cleansing and the refugee crisis.

I have to state the obvious because some people might misinterpret “defending Muslims from harmful public opinion” as “defending Muslim extremists from being served justice.” I find it has been helpful if Americans draw a parallel between local Christian’s religious extremists such as KKK and the Muslim extremists. Although this parallel is a pathetic analogy that is insufficient of capturing the vastly different sociopolitical situations surrounding the two terrorist groups, it is enough to distinguish the extremists from moderate men of faith.

I would deem it ridiculous if my chances of making a living were ever threatened by the general associations people make about me being under the same name of “Christian” as some of the racist, extremist KKK. But this is exactly what happens with any Muslims whose rights and livelihood are ever denied because of an ill-informed generalization of who they are.

So here I am, showing my roommate an Instagram story of my high school friend—a Christian—whose bridesmaid is a Muslim wearing hijab. Here I am, trying to normalize Muslims, wanting so badly for people around here to know that they are not all extremist. Just like not all Buddhists are hippie peace lovers—because some of them have allowed a group of Muslim minorities to be killed systematically. And to be honest, not all Christians, including myself, always act out of the love of God and love their neighbor as themselves. I just think it’s time to get past ideological differences and see each other as human beings. All profoundly fallen and needing to receive grace—Muslims and Hindus and Christians alike.

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## Oxford and other oddities

Lydia Marcus – Staff Writer

From above, much of Britain looks fairly similar to Iowa. Both are patchworks of greenery bisected by strips of gravel and pavement. However, whereas Iowa is a patchwork quilt made by a grandmother armed with a ruler and a rotary cutter, Britain is a quilt made from irregular scraps collected over the decades the grandmother has been quilting. Britain is worn around the edges. It is a lived-in country.

In many ways, adjusting to living life in England has been fairly easy. Its climate is mild, its landscape resembles parts of the Midwest, and, of course, its inhabitants speak English. There are some small differences, though. If you ever find yourself in England (specifically Oxford), here are six (mundane) things to prepare yourself for:

- The peanut butter.

It is apparently made with the same ingredients as American peanut butter, but it is oddly pale and granular, and doesn’t taste strongly of peanuts.

- Traffic and traffic laws.

Local pedestrians obey the pedestrian traffic lights quite well—they don’t usually cross the street when the light is red even if there are no cars in sight—but jaywalking seems to be generally acceptable, even across many lanes of traffic. Also, the buses careen sharply around corners; very skilfully, of course, but don’t walk too close to the edge of the pavement/sidewalk lest you get bludgeoned by the corner of a bus.

- The scale of history.

England has a continuous timeline of history that stretches back for centuries. It has veritable layers of history, and its traditions are longstanding. There is a tower near the centre of Oxford that was built by the Normans in 1040 A.D. The United States wasn’t even a twinkle in the Puritan’s eye in 1040 A.D. Also, they use their historic buildings. The 800-year-old cathedrals still hold weekly services, the 400-year-old libraries are still functional, and the 600-year-old college halls still house students.

• Going to school at a famous institution is kind of like campus visit days all day, every day.

Except that there aren’t admissions counsellors to herd the visitors around. Also, you inadvertently photobomb about twelve people as you try to walk from your hall to the library. (Sorry, tourists. I just wanted to check out some books.)

- Dogs in the park.

At least in the parks surrounding Oxford, the dogs are seldom on a leash and they are well behaved. They don’t bark, they leave strange people (and usually strange dogs) alone, and they usually trot obediently before or behind their owners. If a dog is bounding toward you, it’s probably more concerned with the scent of the tree behind you than it is with making a new human friend.

- Exclusive libraries.

I had never been in a library that you could not enter without a library card before. But the libraries in England are well protected. Granted, the library buildings are hundreds of years old, and it would probably be difficult to run a functional library if half the building’s occupants wanted to wander around and take pictures and the other half of the occupants wanted to be left alone to study. Still. These are not public libraries.



## Getting L-IT in the movie theater

Janelle Cammenga – Staff Writer

I regret not getting popcorn before this movie. I smelled it the minute I walked in the lobby, but I was running late and didn’t want to miss the beginning of my first-ever horror movie.

It started as you might suspect: by creating a small and beautiful slice of life, with subtle hints that everything was going to go downhill fast. And then “It” hit the fan.

Directed by Andy Muschietti of “Mama” fame, starring Bill Skarsgard as Pennywise, Jackson Robert Scott as Georgie and Jaeden Lieberher as Georgie’s brother Bill, “It” received 8/10 on IMDb and boasts a current rottentomatoes.com score of 85%.

Since I don’t want to give anything away, here’s a quick Janelle summary: Pennywise the clown has a strange kind of kleptomania and horrible eating habits. Henry and his gang really need to chill. The outcast kids are surprisingly smart, considering the dumb decisions they keep making. Oh, and some people die.

True to horror movie fashion, “It” falls victim to the “people make dumb decisions which put them in unnecessary danger” trope, but the main characters are children, so I suppose it’s more understandable than it otherwise would be.

All in all, Pennywise was creepy, the cinematography was great, and there were a lot of pieces to put together that made it aesthetically and mind-provokingly pleasing. Finn Wolfhard (Stranger Things), one of Bill’s friends, once again nails the role of “kid faced with the supernatural”—but this time as a supporting character with a potty mouth. There were a lot of interesting family dynamics to sort out, and some pretty disturbing stuff in the mix.

But...

I wasn’t scared. I even started checking my watch as we neared the two-hour mark. Which was a bad sign, since that’s when all of the action began escalating.

To be fair, I don’t scare easily, and I went into the theater expecting to lie awake in bed for hours, listening for demons in the corners. That, and I was just really hungry for popcorn. So perhaps my lack of fear wasn’t the fault of “It” exactly.

But, there were other things that “It” was lacking. In the case of Mike, we learn almost nothing about him and don’t see him develop into a real character. Additionally, I won’t spoil the ending, but there were a couple inconsistencies that were not explained.

However, if you do decide to watch this one, I would highly suggest watching “It” in the theater. The kind of camaraderie that exists during a horror movie is fantastic. We laughed together, flinched together, made comments to our neighbors and butted into other people’s conversations. Such was an atmosphere that I haven’t experienced in any other movie.

I’d rank it as a solid 7/10. While creepy, relatively intriguing, and (at points) disturbing, It will only petrify those already afraid of clowns. It’s nothing mind-blowing, but I’d say it’s worth a watch. And if you’re looking for a way to get into the horror genre, “It” may be a good way to start.

Either way, you should bring me back some popcorn.

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# Fall festivities at Pumpkinland

Colin Volkers – Staff Writer

Pumpkinland, located at 4123 Jackson Ave. in Orange City, is a great place to check out this fall for a break from all the studying and paper writing. Head over anytime Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. until dark for their fun fall festivities. One of the things Pumpkinland is most famous for is its corn maze. This year, Pumpkinland’s owners Dave and Helen Huitink partnered with Culver’s to be one of 12 corn mazes around the country that created a “Thank-You-Famers” themed maze that helps raise awareness for the importance of agriculture, as well as give financial support to young farmers who would like to attend colleges around the country.

Along with the corn maze, Pumpkinland offers a full petting zoo, BG’s Cakes N’ More (a food vendor that sells things like funnel

cakes and fried Twinkies every Saturday), and a fully-stocked shop filled with decorations and accessories for all your autumnal needs.

The corn maze costs \$6 for adults, \$5 for 5-12-year-olds and 4 and under are completely free. If you have a bunch of friends who would like to join you on your quest to dominate the treacherous maze you can call ahead and get a discounted group price if you have more than 15 people. You can also call ahead to reserve one of three campfire pits so you can sing campfire songs and make s’mores after a long day of petting animals and eating funnel cakes.

If you would like any more information or would like to set up a reservation call Dave or Helen Huitink, owners and managers, at 712-737-8364. Pumpkinland will close for the season on November 1, so make sure you head over there to check them out before it’s too late!

Owners Dave and Helen Huitink standing in the entrance to the corn maze with a sign informing people about the Culver’s-backed maze this year.  
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# Study habits for new students

Sawyer Strelnieks – Staff Writer

Homework! Who the heck wants to do homework? More importantly, since professors will be assigning homework, how do students do homework?

Students all have ways of accomplishing homework. Some students bring study styles from high school. Some of these may be working well, while others are a burden and a habit that students are trying to break.

As an incoming freshman at Dordt, there is one thing you should get used to: homework. Selena Munson, a freshman studying business administration, said she likes to study alone in her dorm where it’s quiet. Music and friends are distracting when she’s trying to focus on her work. Munson recommends that it comes down to personal preference on what you chose to do. Try new things to figure out what does and doesn’t work for you.

Sarah Wallman, a senior studying elementary education, said she likes studying with friends. Listening to music helps her stay on task—except when it comes to reading. Wallman also recommends time management. She says it is a lot of pressure for her to try and finish an assignment right before it is due. For example, looking over your assignment days before it is due gives yourself a cushion to ask someone if you need help. Don’t be afraid to ask questions if you are struggling in a class, she added.

Kyle Gaines, a junior business administration and marketing major, said, “Get the things you don’t want to do out of the way first.” Gaines does this by trying to get as much homework done in between classes to free up some time in the evening. If you start with the hard stuff and have questions, you have time to figure it out, Gaines added. If you are stuck on something, do not sit and struggle with it. Skip the problem



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and move on to another subject. Doing this will keep your momentum going.

Ben Noble, a senior majoring in mechanical engineering, said he gets his assignments done early because oftentimes there will be many questions.

“With engineering work, it is sometimes hard to complete the whole assignment right away because I often have not learned everything,” Noble said. “I will sometimes complete half the assignment and leave the other half until I have learned the concepts.”

Noble likes listening to music on easier assignments because it keeps him from overthinking. He suggests that you find a secret spot where no one can bother you. (He has many but would not give them away.) Noble also recommends having a study group for certain classes that you are struggling in and utilizing time between classes.

# New hires bring international flavor to faculty

Josh Meribole – Staff Writer

New year, new faces, and new teachers. Along with incoming freshman, four new staffers from different countries and cultures join Dordt’s community this year.

Dordt has four new professors, from four different continents – Rebekah Earnshaw from Australia, Oscar Rodriguez from Honduras (with a dual citizenship in America), Philips Akinwole from Nigeria, and Joshua Zhu from China.

Earnshaw, Rodriguez, and Akinwole were quick to discuss their vision for Dordt with Diamond staff, as well as the challenges they faced in coming here.

However, “[Part] of the attraction of coming to Dordt is that [the college] picks up on those things, those difficulties,” said Rebekah Earnshaw, a new theology professor from Australia. “It’s a chance to speak up the gospel into people’s lives, and it’s a chance to pursue theology in an academic setting, which I think is valuable both personally and for the church as a whole... this is something that needs doing, and Dordt provides a forum to do that.”

Although currently a theology professor, Dr. Earnshaw first studying engineering in the University of New South Wales, Australia.

“I chose my degree based on who will give me the most money, who will give me the biggest scholarship to go there is how I ended up in this course in this particular University.”

However, during her college years—and after, during Bible studies and talking with people—she decided to pursue theology.

“When you are kind in ministry, people expect you to talk about Jesus; it’s just an opportunity that excited me at that time to see Jesus known and honored and to have that opportunity so directly it was one I couldn’t just turn down.”

Dr. Earnshaw was born in Orange, New South

Wales. She studied theology and served in a church in Sydney before earning her PhD in Scotland.

Oscar Rodriguez, who actually attended Dordt for a year, says, “Dordt found me and I found Dordt.”

In Honduras, Prof. Rodriguez dealt with poverty daily. Before the age of 15, he went to Evangelical and Reformed Vocational Training Center (an English translation of the actual institution). He was part of the first graduating class, in the trades programming that was offered. It was there that he first heard about God and found a love for manufacturing. He now has a wife and four adult children, and has lived in the United States for half of his life.

Rodriguez, who is now a professor for the New Pro-tech program, taught at West Point prior to coming to Dordt. Although having offers from various places, he chose Dordt because “Knowing Dordt, and the mission and the environment, I think I wanted to align myself with that mission... When it comes to this particular program, manufacturing was one of my early careers.”

Having been offered the pro-tech job in October and coming in June, he was part of the committee that started the pro-tech program, creating courses for the curriculum. He teaches four courses, and an adjunct professor teaches the fifth.

But Rodriguez is not the only new professor with an initial interest in Dordt’s mission and faith.

“I wanted to go to a Christian school where I can express my faith,” says Prof. Philips Akinwole.

Growing up in Nigeria, Professor Akinwole wanted to become a medical doctor. However, during his time at the Obafemi Awolowo University in Nigeria in the ‘90s—a time

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# Total eclipse of the heart

Heath Brower – Staff Writer

On August 21, 2017, an event of astronomical proportions occurred. The complete shadow of the Moon averaging sixty eight miles wide raced over the central United States starting on the west coast of Oregon to the east coast of South Carolina passing over ten states in the process.

A substantial portion of the United States was able to see a partial eclipse, but according to several Dordt students seeing a partial eclipse was not comparable to the experience of totality. Some described the experience as humbling, profound and incomparably beautiful. In an interview, one student confessed that he did not expect to be impacted as deeply as he anticipated.

“It is just a shadow after all, but it drew so many people together from all around the country in a way nothing else. I felt moved to stand amongst my friends and so many others to stand in pure silent awe as we waited for the eclipse to begin.”

Another student from Dordt expressed that the experience was eerie.

“I don’t know exactly how to describe it,” he said. “As we waited everything progressively became silent, it was like all of nature knew what was happening and played along.”

Predictably, Dordt’s astronomy professor, Channon Visscher also made a trip down to the totality zone. In an interview with the Diamond, he shared that he also felt unprepared for the serious impact the event would have on him.

“It was one of those things that hits you in the head and the heart,” said Visscher. “It felt as if I had gotten to take a peak behind the curtain for a moment to see the creator making it all happen. Although God is sustaining all creation all the time, a total eclipse is an event that has a such a sense of singularity about it, that if you were to even blink you would miss the beauty, awesomeness and grandeur of the eclipse altogether.”

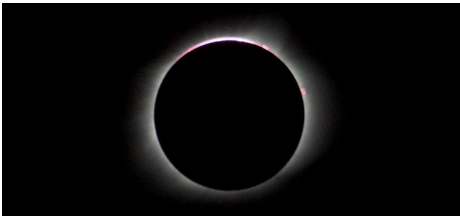
Collectively, those from Dordt who made the trip to the totality zone shared that the experience was well worth the miles.

Totality however only occurs during one kind of eclipse, a total solar eclipse. In order for a total solar eclipse to take place, several conditions need to be met. First, the moon and sun must be in the same part of the sky at the same time with the moon in the middle of the new moon phase, which lasts only a couple hours.

Second, the moon must be crossing the orbital plane of the Earth in relationship to the sun. The moon orbits Earth at a five-degree tilt in relationship to the orbital plane of earth and crosses it two times each month every thirteen and a half days. Thirdly, the moon must be close enough to the earth during its orbit that it casts a complete shadow on the earth’s surface. Because the orbit of the moon around the earth is not a circle but elliptical, the moon is only close enough to create a total eclipse twelve days out of a given month.

For all of the astronomical variables to line up and take place at the same time is rare. The last total eclipse to stretch across the continental United States was in 1918, and only fifteen total solar eclipses have occurred American soil in the past one hundred and fifty years. For those who missed out on experiencing the 2017 total solar eclipse, another chance is just around the corner in April of 2024 when the complete shadow of the moon will once again make a pass through the U.S starting in Texas and making its way up towards the northeast coast.

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# Feature Athlete: Keithen Drury

Caleb Pollema– Staff Writer



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Keithen Drury is a junior mechanical engineering major from Blue Hill, Neb. As a running back, Drury leads the Great Plains Athletic Conference with 478 total rushing yards and 159.3 yards per game. He started playing football in the sixth grade and now wears number 25 for the Defender football team.

Q: What sports other than football did you play throughout high school?

KD: Basketball and track. I was awful at basketball. Track I was all right at, but basketball I was absolutely garbage.

Q: What athletes did you look up to growing up?

KD: Since I am from Nebraska, I really looked up to Rex Burkhead because he was a really good Nebraska running back. He is also a very strong Christian man and did a lot with the FCA programs around the state.

Q: Why did you come to Dordt?

KD: I came to Dordt because it was a small enough school where I could play football and also major in engineering. That was the main draw here, but the Christian aspect was also really nice. It was fairly close to home, only about five hours away so it was nice to stay somewhere close to home.

Q: What are your personal goals for the season?

KD: As a running back, one of my goals is [to] never let anyone drive me back. I want to be a dominant blocker, but I don't really have any statistical goals for the season. I just want to be the best version of myself I can be.

Q: What are your goals as a team for this season?

KD: The big thing for our team is that we want to be as successful as we can, but also stay together as a brotherhood too. We are going to stay together as a team. It's not going to become the "I" show or the "Keithen Drury" show or the "Brock Lamle" show. Even the guys on defense, it's not going to be the "Josiah Kotte" show or the "Tyson Dahlgrin" show. It's going to be the Dordt Defenders. We just want to be as successful as possible. We want to be one of the top teams in the GPAC, that's always up there. Beat Northwestern. All of those goals will be accomplished if we just play together as a team by believing in each other and our brother next

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What has been your favorite memory playing football here at Dordt?

KD: The most fun memory has been coming into the locker room after practice and everyone is messing around and having a good time. It's an all-encompassing experience for me.

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What are your plans after college?

KD: I would like to get a job. I want to be hired by someone that deals with engineering, maybe something that is lined up with my hobbies. I would like to stay in the Midwest if that's possible.

# Football keeps season goals in sight

Caleb Pollema– Staff Writer

Even after Saturday's conference-opening loss to Morningside, it is clear this Dordt team has its sights set high this year.

"I always say good teams are often coach-driven," Dordt head football coach Joel Penner. "You can have a great coach and he can drive hard and get what he wants and you can have a good team. Great teams are player-driven. In other words, the coach doesn't have to drive as much."

One of the players that drives this year's team is Dordt's running back, Keithen Drury, who leads the Great Plains Athletic Conference in rushing yards with 159.3 yards per game and an average of 7.7 yards per carry.

"We are going to be us, believe in each other, and believe in the guy next to us," Drury said. "We are going to do what we can do. We believe in each other and we believe in ourselves. What happens, happens. We come in confident in ourselves and we can make a lot of things happen. We don't focus on the other team; we focus on us."

With leaders on the team like Drury, quarterback Brock Lamle and linebacker Josiah Kotte, Penner believes that in his second year at the helm of the program, this year's team is ahead of last year's team at this point in the year.

"We are moving down the tracks," Penner said. "I use this image of the locomotive all the time and we've got to push the locomotive. It's really hard to give it initial inertia and start, but once it's going it's very hard to stop.

I would say the wheels are just spinning a little bit faster this year."

With this trajectory in mind, the main goal of this team is still in sight: the first-ever winning season in Dordt College football history.

"I think it is a very realistic goal," Penner said. "We are really going to have to play well and stay healthy. We are going to have keep improving as a team for that to happen."

Currently sitting at 2-1 overall, and 0-1 in GPAC play, the Defenders will quickly regroup after last Saturday's loss to Morningside as an undefeated Midland team comes into town on Saturday. The Warriors are coming off a decisive 56-28 victory over Briar Cliff this past Saturday, sit at #13 in the NAIA Division I standings and boast a 3-0 overall record. Even with another tough game ahead of them, there is no reason to believe this Dordt football team will lie down to anyone. To the players and coaches alike, this year is more than just football; it's about fulfilling this team's purpose. According to Drury, this team wants to be remembered for more than just football.

"I really hope this team is remembered for being guys who love each other and love playing for each other," Drury said. "I want us to have the most fun out of anyone in the conference, in the nation, but we also know how to get it done and go hard."

As the Defenders look to Saturday's conference game against Midland, expect nothing less than four tough quarters of physical football as the Defenders seek their first conference win of the year.

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## Dan Addington adds texture to campus with art exhibit

Allison Wordes— Staff Writer



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He thought he would end up teaching or working with students; because that's the only thing you can do with a major in theater and art, right?

Chicago gallery owner, Dan Addington, whose work is on display in Dordt's art gallery, made his way into the art business after gaining experience in college and graduate school.

"It's a tough biz; it's not always easy," Addington said about owning a gallery business. Getting his work out before the public eye and receiving feedback is what keeps him going.

Addington studied art and theater at Northwestern College in Orange City. Being an outgoing person, he preferred theater to painting. Theater, he said, is the more collaborative art form. After moving on to graduate school, however, he devoted himself to his first love — painting.

"I knew that down deep, it would be art that would sustain me," said Addington.

While he missed acting, and the music that went with it, he found satisfaction in the solitary act of painting.

Addington achieved his MA in painting at Illinois State University. Where would he go after that?

"I was doomed to the impracticability," Addington said.

Yet, he is convicted that there are tons of jobs available in the field of art, if you only do your research. It's a matter of working your way up, he said. For example?

"Just think of how many people are employed by a large museum or a film production crew or a community arts organization or a theater," Addington said.

Design, he said, has a connection to engineering — and everything that is man-made has the art aesthetic. Fine arts are only one option.

Addington first began dabbling in encaustic (wax) art after a life-changing trip to Ireland.

"The ancient quality of the land made me want to do work that seemed ancient in a way," Addington said, "Even timeless, yet still be contemporary."

Tar, beeswax, oil paint and tree resin — all

raw products of the earth — are his materials of choice. His tools are torches, heat guns, small irons and other dangerous equipment.

"They make a painting look like it might have just been dug up," Addington said.

He began to travel around Europe more frequently, and was awed by the historical power in the monuments, stonework and parks.

His work is built on the idea of memory and how history affects memories. The red ribbon element in his work is his way of bringing vibrant, necessary color into a piece. It also keeps a viewer's interest by decorating, wrapping, adorning, binding.

Art professor Matt Drissell got up-close and interactive with Addington's work. He had permission to repair an area that had been damaged in handling, specifically, Splendor of Desire. Art restoration is another career that requires precision, and a knowledge of history.

Students this semester taking Ancient Medieval Art History, which Drissell teaches, will be learning about the origins of encaustics, beginning with the Egyptians.

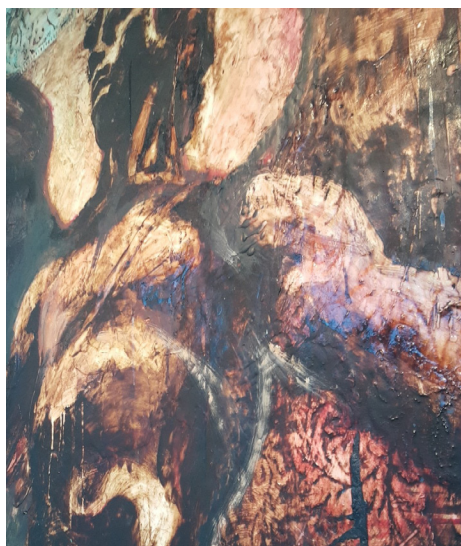
These older methods "demand physical participation," per Drissell. Paint can be thick and full of layers, but wax takes it to the next level. An artists' goal, said Drissell, is to engage the viewer for more than five seconds. Addington's imagery and dimensionality does that. It's nothing like the photo.

When asked to describe his studio, Addington spoke of a basement with lots of books and photos, guitars and paint and brushes, the cliché old leather chair. To him, there's nothing better than when just beginning a new series, when there's a lot going on at once.

Addington still reaches out to students with his artwork. With his time on campus, he visited the Design Foundations class, as well as held a workshop for Painting I. He recalls being a college student and all the events that influenced him to be an artist.

"Imagine being at the end of your life," Addington said, "Knowing you ignored that call, and didn't take the chance."

Today, Addington owns his own gallery, and on the side performs guitar with other bands to fulfill his desire for musical collaboration.



## Lights, camera, action!

Colin Volkers— Staff Writer

In the past several years, Dordt College student film teams have earned awards such as a Student Emmy, Best Film in Iowa and many more. There are a total of four short films in the making at Dordt; one being a class effort and three independent film projects by upperclassmen.

The film-making process takes place every fall semester. When students are done with their films, they begin to shop them around to award shows in hopes of taking home a prize. Awards are given out in the spring semester and beyond.

The Short Film Production class at Dordt is taught by Digital Media professor Mark Volkers. The five students in the class are creating a short film titled "You're Invited." It

will be a dark comedy. Junior Jake Brouwer is directing, Sarah Dykstra is producing, Kaitlyn Frye is editing and Ben Kuiper along with Hayden Veurink are the cinematographers.

Casting has since come to an end, and actors should be expecting callbacks in the near future. Students can follow the Facebook page "DC Short Film 2017" for updates and information about the filmmaking process as it happens.

The three upperclassman independent films being created are required as part of the Advanced Filmmaking class. These films are being made by three students: Ben Kuiper, Aaron Radtke and Ellen Ingrid Dengah.

Projects can range from short films to animations to full script writing. All student films are planned for screening in the Grille in December.

## Wrinkle in Time is worth the time

Zachary Sanford— Staff Writer

Come one, come all to Wrinkle in Time! An amazing production by Dordt's very own theatre department, showing soon. Although the play isn't for a few more weeks, students are already hard at work. The characters and set are coming along well and ahead of schedule.

"We're still three weeks out from opening night, and we've got the entire show blocked," says senior Annie Sears, who plays the character Mrs. Who. "This gives us lots of time to perfect it, to go back through and add more details, and to hone our portrayal of our characters."

Ever since the beginning of the school year, a hard-working team of students has been building the set pieces.—was asked about how the set was coming,

"Compared to some of the sets we had last year, we're way ahead of where we need to be," said sophomore Victoria Brander—who heads the paint department in the Scene Shop. "I love working in the shop, so I kind of just like all of it. Obviously painting is my favorite part, but I really like watching the building coming along."

Most students work in theater by both acting onstage and working in the Scene Shop. If they are not memorizing lines, they are painting a night sky with planets. If not helping out in the Costume Shop, they are working on setting up stage lights. This small but mighty team of individuals sure know how to put on a show.

Dordt's theater department aims to teach its students about acting while maintaining Christian roots and worldviews.

"This show takes the Christian gospel story and portrays it through a fresh narrative, thereby granting it more potency," said Sears. "We here at our Christian college in the middle of a predominantly Christian part of the country hear the gospel all the time, so hearing it through a compelling story that we don't often hear makes us experience the gospel anew."

If you are looking to attend Wrinkle in Time, the show times are:

Thursday, October 12, 7:30pm

Saturday, October 14, 2:00pm & 7:30pm

Thursday, October 19, 7:30pm

Friday, October 20, 7:30pm

Saturday, October 21, 7:30pm

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## All Campus Retreat encourages fellowship, community

Emma Stoltzfus— Staff Writer

The annual Dordt All Campus Retreat was filled with swimming, worship, spike-ball, games, chapel, belly flops and tossing freshman into the lake.

As students arrived at Lake Okoboji in shuttles on Friday, Sept. 8, they started the party by heading down to the lake, swimming and playing Spikeball. The students also piled twenty to thirty people on a floating dock and flipped it. The raft was still upside down when they departed on Saturday. The students found it almost impossible to flip it back over using the same strategy.

Friday night was partially spent playing a game of "speed friendship" over bowls of ice-cream. The students spent a minute trying to learn the most interesting fact about their neighbor. Results ranged from students who have grown up on an ostrich farm to volcano-surfing. The winner was a student who applied to Dordt on accident—believing that they had signed up for an email list until they received an acceptance letter in the mail.

There were some issues with the campfire at the worship later that night due to the wind; causing the front rows to become too smoky for singing—or breathing. The worship ended with an energetic round of "Days of Elijah."

On Saturday morning, the students listened to a chapel by Aaron Baart—Dordt's Dean of Chapel—and had a quiet hour or so of prayer.

Then the games began.

Numbered off into groups of nine to eleven, seven teams competed in games ranging from volleyball battleship, blindfolded obstacle

courses, putting on frozen t-shirts, trivia and more.

Then came the time to throw seven freshmen into the lake for the annual Freshmen Toss. Various tactics were used, and some impressive distances and flops were made.

When asked if her team had any techniques planned out for the toss, freshman Shannon Oostenink said, "We tried to. It didn't work quite as well as planned, but we got third; so something still worked."

To continue the trend of slapping students on the lake surface year after year, the all-grades men and women's belly-flop competitions went on with many cheers and winces.

After a day and night of fellowship, in addition to hearing the various competition results and receiving their respective laurels in the form of Dordt gear, the campers quickly cleaned up, piled into a fleet of vans and buses to head back to Dordt.

Freshmen Chloe Hansum said, "I had a lot of fun and met people I wouldn't normally meet."

Men's belly flop competition:

1st...Aaron Zwart

2nd...Ben DeKleine

3rd...Colton Ott

Women's belly flop competition:

1st...Emma Stoltzfus

2nd...

3rd...Caitlin Mundorf

Freshmen toss:

1st...Caitlin Mundorf

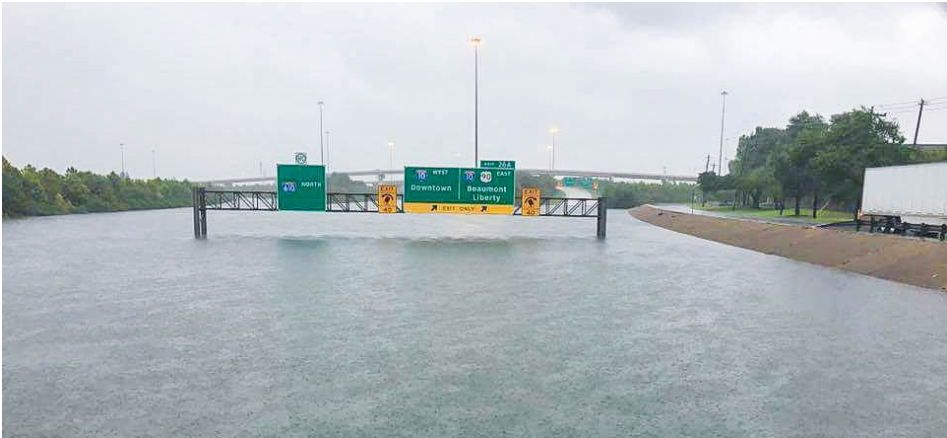
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3rd...Shannon Oostenink



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## Hurricane Harvey (cont.)



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Hurricane Katrina.  
Katrina was a category 5 which hit Louisiana and surrounding areas in 2005. Category 5 storms are compact, “like shooting a bullet through town,” said Roth. A category 4 is more spread-out and heavier in the wetness scale—that means a lot more rain.  
However, comparisons can be made.  
Another difference between Katrina and Harvey is the effectiveness of the evacuation process. The mayor of New Orleans—Clarence Ray Nagin, Jr.—didn’t call for an evacuation until very late in the Katrina situation. Also, many in the area did not own a vehicle and were less willing to leave their homes. In Houston, almost everyone commutes regularly and were able to evacuate early.  
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Building in a floodplain, explained Roth, is an issue that both Katrina and Harvey had in common. Homes which continue to expand into these naturally flooding areas are the first to go when a disaster occurs. Louisiana is a delta, and

the land there absorbed Katrina’s floodwater like a sponge. Construction, however, cut down the efficiency of the drainage, resulting in more water back-up. After all, parking lots and housing developments don’t absorb runoff. But will people who lost their homes continue to build there? Most likely.  
“Every dollar of mitigation saves four dollars of recovery,” said Roth, speaking on disaster preparedness. “Unfortunately, this is hard money for the government to spend. The last hurricane in Texas was two centuries ago. Who is going to remember and learn from those mistakes?”  
Disasters are something for which we can’t prepare without past experience.  
“Our risk perception is crappy,” said Roth. “It’s too easy to push off consequences into the future, and live for today. However, there is a limit to how much you can prepare for.  
Dordt doesn’t have a plan for a meteor strike.”  
In response to a joke posted online about the amount of rain, Dunstad said, “[A hurricane] is not a joke—not something you can be insensitive about.”  
Other areas that were affected include: Suriname, Nicaragua, Honduras, Belize, and the Yucatan Peninsula.



## Dordt speaks (cont.)

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reasons I don’t think that’s likely for the future, even if they don’t come to a legislative solution.”  
Roth argues that redacting DACA was a dangerous overstepping of the president’s bounds.  
“If the president is basically saying ‘you didn’t give me a law so I decided to do what your law should have done’ it’s kind of making congress redundant and meaningless in some ways,” said Roth.  
Roth believes the removal of DACA is the

best chance for any immigration reform, “If you have a deep cut, something that’s going to need stitches or need more serious surgery, you got to take the band aid off to fix anything,” he said. “I don’t think that program [DACA] was anything more than a band aid, at best. And even that I don’t know that it was the best band aid.”  
Due to the recent decisions by the Trump Administration, all renewal applications for those expiring in March 2018 must be submitted by Oct. 5, 2017. Many organizations and even states are offering to waive the application fees and work to speed up the renewal process.

## International student stats

Evangeline Colarossi – Staff Writer

Over 60% of the Dordt student body comes from out of state. A high percentage of the out of state students travel from over 500 miles to attend Dordt. There are 20 different countries represented on campus.  
With this massive variety of countries and backgrounds, one begins to wonder, why come to Dordt? Out of all the places to attend college, why a small Christian college in Iowa? To answer this question, a survey was sent around to students involved in the Students Without Borders (SWB) club.  
The survey included the question: “Why did you come to Dordt?” It allowed responders to answer with one of the following: Most suitable for your major/minor, most suitable for an extracurricular or program that you are involved in, I have friends that attend(ed) Dordt, I have family that attend(ed) Dordt or the students could answer with their own reason.

Of the students that responded, 37.5% said that Dordt was the most suitable for their chosen major or minor. After that large percentage, the reasons for coming to Dordt became more sporadic. Only 12.5% said that they came to Dordt because a family member was or had been here, and the same percentage responded because they had friends that had attended or are attending Dordt.  
Another 12.5% said that Dordt was the most suitable for an extracurricular activity or program that they participated in.  
Other reasons for attending Dordt were the scholarships offered, the fact that Dordt has a safe environment and also that the students knew professors that worked here.  
While this survey did not reach the entirety of the international students, this group was able to inform students why Dordt was their choice for higher education. It is the hope that for every student, Dordt can become a home.

## New hires (cont.)

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of frequent oil spillage, deforestation and pollution, and when government was reluctant to enforce environmental regulations on the foreign petroleum companies operating in the area—Akinwale considered environment science as a profession. He then traveled to the Netherlands to study environmental science for his master’s degree.  
“In environmental science, I try to emphasize stewardship. How do we take care of God’s Creation? God’s owns the earth, but what can we do as an individual, community, or nation to sustainably use our limited resources?”  
Akinwale, moving from big cities to the small town of Sioux Center, noted that there have been challenges.  
“On a lighter side, I’m limited in food—and

type of food. In Columbus, Ohio, or other big cities, you can get African food, Asian or American food, Ethiopian restaurants ... you can get different varieties of food; goat meat, cassava or yam flour... But it’s different here.”  
Talking about his vision for students here, he says:  
“I want my student to get the concepts, to understand the big picture that I am trying to pass to them, and that they should be able to apply that to their lives and influence their professions. Just memorizing either in my environmental science or chemistry class will not do well for students.”  
If you see any of these new professors in the hallway, don’t hesitate to say hello or introduce yourself. Sometimes, it’s just as hard being a new prof as it is being a freshman or transfer in a completely new place.

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